
GRANTLEY, SAWLEY, SKELDING AND EAVESTONE PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

DATE: 24th May 2011
TIME: 19.30 hrs
LOCATION: Sawley Village Hall
PRESENT: Parish Councillors Ted Dodsworth (Chairman), Martin Kirbitson (Vice-Chairman), Trevor Kitchen, June Learoyd, Mike Lumb and John Scannell.
IN ATTENDANCE: Iona Taylor (Clerk)
Messers Snow Brothers
1 member of the public.

1. WELCOME

Councillor Dodsworth welcomed all those present to the meeting and advised that the order in which business would be considered would be slightly amended to take account of the members of public present. It is recorded in agenda order.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA – None.

3. PUBLIC QUESTIONS OR STATEMENTS

It was noted that a barn on the right hand side of Sawley Moor Lane, near Picking Gill, has collapsed with evidence of asbestos having been exposed.

It was agreed that this should be reported to Harrogate Borough Council for appropriate action to be taken.

4. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor Walmsley due to ill health who has advised the Clerk of his intention to resign as a Parish Councillor.

Apologies were also received from District Councillor Margaret Atkinson and County Councillor Paul Richardson.

5. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the last meetings held on 29th March and 26th April 2011 were approved and signed.

6. ITEMS CARRIED FORWARD FROM THE LAST MEETING

6.1 Quotations for noticeboard at Grantley.

Councillor Kitchen agreed to progress this with Councillor Walmsley.

6.2 Fencing at Picking Gill.

It was agreed that this should be deferred pending the outcome of the SINC survey as a change in status may give access to potential funding sources.

It was noted that the Parish Council considers that the annual rental income it receives from North Yorkshire County Council contributes to the cost of maintaining Picking Gill, especially the work that the parish caretaker carries out at the site.

7. SAWLEY VILLAGE GREEN

After consideration of guidance from the Yorkshire Local Councils Association (YLCA) it was agreed that in light of discussions and the views of YLCA there is no overriding requirement to seek financial contributions to the cost of the recent capital improvement works carried out on the track across Sawley Village Green.

It was agreed that a letter should be sent to the properties concerned advising them of this decision and seeking a meeting of all interested parties to discuss the future maintenance of the track.

8. SAWLEY CHURCH CLOCK

A quotation has been received from Mr Place (the horological engineer) for overhauling Sawley Church Clock, to include re-starting the chime.

The quotation for the works is £2,000, plus £535 for scaffolding.

It was agreed that further quotations should be sought and Fountains P.C.C. should be consulted about the proposed works.

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9. GRANTLEY RECREATION

9.1 Purchase of picnic tables.

It was noted that Grantley Saw Mills have now delivered three picnic tables to Grantley playing field. An invoice for two tables at a cost of £190+VAT has been received. It was agreed that a cheque for this amount should be raised and be sent with a thank-you letter to the Saw Mills.

9.2 Wetpour works.

Councillor Scannell reported that the works have now been completed to a satisfactory standard. It was agreed that the invoice from Associated Surfaces & Materials for £1800 should be paid.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk reported on items received, including:

10.1 Harrogate Borough Council – Review of polling districts.

This consultation was considered and completed.

10.2 Area Highways Office.

It was noted that the local Highways office has now moved from Starbeck to Boroughbridge. The new contact details are as follows:

North Yorkshire County Council
Highways & Transportation
Area 6 – Boroughbridge
Stump Cross
Boroughbridge
YORK YO51 9HU
E-mail: Area6.Boroughbridge@northyorks.gov.uk Tel: 08458 72 73 74

10.3 North Yorkshire County Council – Closure of tips on Wednesdays.

It was noted that as part of the County Council's money saving efforts all Household Waste Recycling Centres will close on Wednesdays with effect from 1st July 2011.

11. FINANCIALS

11.1 Bank balances as at 24th May 2011.

• HSBC Current a/c	£500.00
• HSBC Savings a/c.....	£9634.63
• HSBC Special Projects a/c	£555.31
• HSBC Parish Room Current a/c.....	£1010.72
• HSBC Parish Room Savings a/c	£31998.89
• HSBC Sawley Small Grants Scheme a/c.....	£1837.96
• Standard Life Bond.....	£32750.00
• Santander High Interest Bond	£50000.00
• Skipton Bond	£34027.68

11.2 Payments made prior to or at this meeting.

The following payments were approved and recorded:

• Iona Taylor (Clerk, March 2011)	£219.69
• Iona Taylor (Administration of Parish Room Proceeds, March 2011)	£24.65
• York & North Yorkshire Playing Fields Association (Shared Membership)	£4.17
• Aila Peacock (Secretarial Services, April 2011).....	£12.75
• Iona Taylor (Contribution to cost of new computer)	£100.00
• Farm & Land Services (Grasscutting - Invoice 3465).....	£247.20
• The Walled Garden Scheme (Caretaker, April 2011 – Invoice 470)	£148.27

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11.3 Monies received prior to or at this meeting.

The following receipts were recorded:

- Harrogate Borough Council (Precept 1st Part) £3112.00
- North Yorkshire County Council (Picking Gill Compound Rental) £550.00

12. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

12.1 Consultations on applications – none.

12.2 Decisions and updates on applications, appeals and enforcement investigations.

Reference	Proposal	Update / Decision
6.51.31.K.FUL 11/00218/FUL	Erection of 1 detached dwelling at the Sawley Arms, Sawley.	Refused
11/00182/LB	Alleged large hole in wall of building facing river and use of site for burning waste at Grantley Saw Mills.	Investigation ongoing.

12.3 Coal Stock Yard.

It was noted that several weeks ago the Clerk had been approached by the agent acting for the owners of this site (Messers Snow brothers) inviting the Parish Council to a site visit to discuss the Coal Stock Yard. After canvassing Councillors' opinions the Clerk had responded, by e-mail, as follows:

“Given the site history it would seem prudent for the Parish Council to consider all matters relating to it at a properly convened meeting when a 'corporate view' of the whole Parish Council can be given.

May I therefore suggest that you ask the Snow Brothers if they would consider writing to the Parish Council outlining any proposals that they have for the site? I will suggest to Councillors that we also write to you outlining any outstanding issues or concerns that the Parish Council has about the site.”

However Messers Snow were in attendance at this meeting and a discussion ensued about the site's planning history, their use of it for business purposes and intention to submit a revised application for permission to construct a dwelling for security purposes.

The Parish Council noted that it does not currently consider there to be any outstanding issues regarding the site, but that it is only willing to consider any proposals when presented with them in written format, such as when it is consulted on planning applications by the planning authority. All proposals will be considered on their own merit, and within the constraints of relevant policies.

The Council's policy of forwarding any concerns / complaints about sites (for example as in item 3 of this meeting) to the relevant authority for appropriate investigation and action to be taken was also noted.

13. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was confirmed as being on 26th July 2011 at 19.30 hrs in Grantley Village Hall.

14. ANY OTHER BUSINESS (TO BE RENAMED AS ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE NEXT MEETING FROM JULY 2011)

14.1 Road signs.

New signage in Grantley was considered. It is felt that the size and style is inappropriate for use in the AONB and that the distance stated between Sawley and Grantley is incorrect. Highways North Yorkshire will be made aware of these points.

It was agreed that the caretaker should be asked to clean the road signs in the parish.

Meeting closed at 21.44 hrs.

These minutes were recorded and prepared by Iona Taylor, Clerk to the Parish Council.

SIGNED: (Chairman)

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